To the gentle art of getting something for nothing has been added the new branch, according to the police, of systematically robbing public libraries of rare editions. The police say that the game is new to this town. It has been discovered only after the Lenox and Astor libraries and the library of Columbia University have been robbed of several of their rarest editions.

The police were able to put a spoke in the system late on Thursday afternoon, because of the clever amateur detective work of Victor Hugo Pallsitz and C. H. Bjerregaard, librarians, respectively, at the Lenox and Astor libraries.

Early in February the disappearance of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Grandfather's Chair" was reported to Mr. Bjerregaard. The book is rare because it has been out of print many years. It is a child's story and the early editions were not reprinted. As soon as the book was missed, the usual procedure followed. Mr. Bjerregaard had the slip bearing the name and address of the person to whom the book was issued looked up, and to that person a letter was sent calling his attention to the fact that the book was missing and asking if, by some mistake, he had taken the volume home. No one is permitted to take books from the main Astor Library.

In due time the letter was returned with a memorandum from the Post Office authorities to the effect that no such person lived at that address. That aroused Mr. Bjerregaard's suspicions He immediately gave orders that, in future, whenever rare book was called for, the matter should be reported to him. Several days later, alman about 30 years old, with an undershot jaw, and looking and talking like a Russian Hebrew, walked up to the desk of the Astor Library, in company with another man, and asked for a catalogue of prices-current. He also asked for a copy of a new periodical which makes a business of printing the names of rare books and who wants to buy them. The man gave the name Leon Gomberg.

Mr. Bjerregaard overheard this request, and after the periodical and the catalogue had been issued he watched the two men. He noticed that they took the names of He noticed that they took the names of many of the books printed in the periodical and then looked in the price-current to find what the book had sold for at various times. Mr. Bjerregaard had plenty of time to study the faces of the two men and he called two or three of his assistants to take a good look at them also.

Not long after this, Mr. Bjerregaard received from Mr. Pallsitz at the Lenox Library, a pen and ink sketch of a man sitting at a table. Underneath the portrait was this memorandum.

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When Mr. Bjerregaard saw the sketch he recognized it as the man who had been studying the price current and the new periodical. He telephoned up to Mr. Pallsitz and found that the Lenox Library had lost two or three first editions of American authors and that the man whose plcture had been sent to Mr. Bjerregaard was suspected of being the thief.

Meantime, Dr. John S. Billings, director of the Astor Library, had received a letter from the director of the Boston Public Library telling of thefts of rare books from their institution. Dr. Billings had hardly finished reading that letter when he got a report of the disappearance from the Astor Library of Browning's "Pauline," a reprint of the 1833 edition; of George Bancroft's poems, published in 1828, and of which there are only a few copies in existence, E. P. Roe's "Eureka," and the Grolier Club Catalogue of the Dryden Exhibition. These books are all rare and when offered at auction have brought, in years past, anywhere from \$10 to \$40 a volume.

The books were asked for at the Astor

The books were asked for at the Astor Library by three men, two of them evidently brothers, who gave the name Grop-per, and a third who gave his name as Brown. In all cases the men gave fic-titious names and addresses except in one case, where the name of a Mr. Meline, em-ployed in the New York Post Office, was

When Mr. Meline's attention was called When Mr. Meline's attention was called to the fact that one of the missing books had been issued in his name he promptly replied that he had never heard of the book before, had never called for it at the Astor Library and would be very glad to help the library authorities to find out who had been using his name for such a purpose. As fast as the books disappeared—they were all taken between Feb. 1 and March 31—dealers in rare and second hand books were informed of the fact and warned against the purchase of any of them should they be offered for sale. Not long after the loss of "Grandfather's Chair" a dealer informed the Astor Library that he had the loss of "Grandfather's Chair" a dealer Informed the Astor Library that he had purchased it and, upon proper identification, would be glad to return it to the library. The book was identified, but the description of the man who sold it did not tally with the appearance of any of the men who had been at the library.

On Thursday morning a man called at the book shop of Everett & Francis, 116 East Twenty-third street, and offered for sale a volume entitled "American East Twenty-third street, and offered for sale a volume entitled "American Book Prices-Current," published in 1895 by Luther S. Livingston. The book is out of print and copies of it have sold as high as \$50. Everett & Francis were among those who had been warned. As, soon as the book was offered Mr. Francis told the man to return in the afternoon and he would probably buy it. The man said he would come back. Then Mr. Francis telephoned to the Astor Library to inquire if the book had been stolen. It was not missing from the main library, but Mr. Bjerregaard finally found that it was wanted at the branch library in Montague street. Brooklyn Brooklyn.
Francis was informed of the fact

and told that Mr. Bjerregaard and detec-tives would be at his shop at the hour named by him on Thursday afternoon. Inspector McClusky was then notified, and he sent Detective Sergeants Pepperted and Conley to the book shop. Mr. Bjerregaard was waiting for them. In a few minutes in walked a man with

a book under his arm, whom Mr. Bjerregaard recognized at once as the original of Mr. Pallsitz's sketch, and as the man who had asked for rare book catalogues at the Astor Library under the name of Leon Com-berg. Then Mr. Bjerregaard said: "Why. Gomberg, what are you doing with that book? Is that one of the rare editions that you have been looking up down at our library?"

The man protested that he had never

The man protested that he had never seen Mr. Bjerregaard in his life and wanted the detectives to arrest the librarian for insulting him. He was locked up at Police Headquarters and arraigned before Magistrate Barlow in Jefferson Market police court yesterday morning. He said he was Leon Gomberg, 28 years old, of 58 East 103d street. He was held in \$500 bail for examination this morning.

Before he was taken from Headquarters yesterday morning one of the women

Before he was taken from Headquarters vesterday morning one of the women librarians at Columbia University came down to see if she could identify the man, when lined up with half a dozen others, as the person suspected of stealing books from the university library. After she had looked the line over she told Inspector McClusky that she could tell very well by Gomberg's actions who the suspect was Gomberg's actions who the suspect was, but he was not the man who had been visiting the Columbia library. In speaking of the book thefts and Gom-

"Gomberg never asked for any of the books which have been stolen from us. He and, as I think, his partner were the ones who searched the catalogues for rare

ROB LIBRARIES OF RARE BOOKS

GANG OF THIEVES OPERATING
HERE—ONE CAPTURED.

Amateur Sleuths of the Lenex and Astor
Libraries Run Him Down and He
Is Literally Caught With the Goods
—Police After His Confederates.

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To the gentle books, then found from the library catalogues in which libraries they were, after which confederates, like the Gropper brothers and Brown, were sent around to do the stealing."

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STATUS OF THE ISLE OF PINES. The Supreme Court to Decide Whether I Belongs to Cuba or the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- Under the title Edward J. Pearcy vs. Collector Stranahan of the Port of New York, the record of which was filed in the Supreme Court today, the court is called upon to decide whether the Isle of Pines belongs to Cuba or the United States. While the suit involves only the duty on forty boxes of cigars imported at New York from the island and which Pearcy seeks to recover yet upon its determination depend the ownership of the island and the rights of the Americans who settled there after the Spanish war.

The treaty of peace with Spain provided that that nation should surrender sovereignty over the island of Cuba, but that it should cede absolutely to the United States the island of Porto Rico and other islands in the West Indies then under Spanish sovereignty. If the Isle of Pines were included in the latter, as claimed by Attorney Lenney, counsel for Pearcy, and the American interests in the Isle of Pines, it could not be ceded to Cuba by treaty, because the Sangta has no power to expanded. because the Senate has no power to expa-

because the Senate has no power to expatriate an American citizen.

The treaty with Cuba ceding the island to that republic has been before the Senate since November, but it was held up at the request of the Americans in the island, who contended that the Cuban Government had not carried out the promises made regarding schools and other local affairs. That Government, however, acquiesced in the suggostions made by Minister Squiers for the improvements desired, but the Americans who had immigrated or invested capital there have so far succeeded in preventing the ratification of the treaty.

Pending the decision of the Supreme Court as to the ownership of the island, the Senate will take no action on the treaty, which will go over until the next session

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of Congress.

A motion for the advancement of the suit for an early hearing will be made next Monday by Attorney Lenney, who will ask that it be argued at the present term of the court.

CONSUL-GENERAL TO MEXICO. The President Selects James R. Parsons,

Jr., of Albany to Succeed Barlow. WASHINGTON, April 8 .- The President has selected James R. Parsons, Jr., of New York to succeed Andrew D. Barlow of Missouri, who resigned as United States Consul-General in the City of Mexico. Mr. Parsons lives in Albany. He was born in New York in 1860 and was educated at Trinity College, Hartford. Conn., graduating at the head of his class in 1881. From 1888 to 1890 he was United States Consul at Aix-la-Chapelle. Mr. Parsons speaks French and German and has been a lifelong Latin and Greek student. For the last four years he has been Secretary of the Board of Regents of New York. His appointment is regarded as personal with President Receivable. dent Roosevelt.

METHODIST DELEGATES CHOSEN. No Contest of the Selection of Ministers -The Young Men Win.

At the session yesterday of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in St. Paul's Church, in West End avenue, these delegates to the General Conference in Los Angeles on May 4 were

chosen:

MINISTERIAL.

The Rev. G. P. Eckman, F. J. Belcher, E. S. Tipple, W. F. Anderson, J. R. Day, J. M. King and C. W. Millard.

Mayor J. E. Andrus of Yonkers, Charles McClelland, Appraiser of the Port; J. Edward Leaycraft of New York, W. A. Lawrence of Chester, James Harrison of Newburg, J. H. Brown of Schoharie and Dr. Harris Cookingham of Red Hook.

The clerical delegates were chosen on the

The clerical delegates were chosen on the first ballot and there was little contest over the lay places. There was some dispute as to how the delegates should be apportioned to the presiding elders' districts. The choice for ministerial delegates was regarded as a victory for the gates was regarded as a victory

young men.

A resolution intended to modify Paragraph 248 of the Discipline, forbidding card playing, dancing and theatregoing, was laid on the table.

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In the evening the anniversary service of the Freedman's Aid Society was held in St. Paul's Church. One of the speakers was the Rev. C. M. Welden, who, among other things, said:

"There has never been a greater crime than thrusting the ballot upon the negro without qualifying him for its responsibilities. It would be far better for the negro to be out of the hands of unscrupulous politicians than to possess the promiscuous use of the ballot."

EMPLOYEE KILLED ON ELEVATED Guard Is Run Down While Crossing the

Tracks-Women Become Hysterical. John Patten, a guard employed on the Third avenue elevated railroad, was struck by a southbound train yesterday at the

The motorman was locked up. Patten alighted from a "dead" train on the middle track at the station and started for the downtown platform, when the train struck him. His skull was crushed. Women passengers in the train became hysterical and rushed down to the street. Patten was married and lived at 794 East 148th

TO JOIN MUSICIANS UNION?

Report That the Boston Symphony Men will Do So Individually.

BOSTON, April 8.—Because of the presence in this city of the Metropolitan Opera Company, the story is again revived that the members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra have joined or are about to join the Musical Mutual Protective Association, about which there was considerable talk several months ago.

The story that is now current goes so far as to say that sixty members of that organization have become members of the association. It is a foregone conclusion that no advances have been made or are that no advances have been made of are likely to be made to the orchestra as an organization. That was tried on a previous occasion, when Major Higginson made his views known in language that could not fail to be understood. Should a few individuals in their personal capacity elect to join, as a precautionary measure, that is a different matter, and one in which the management, doubtless, would not assume to dictate.

German Play for Vassar's Benefit. The Vassar College endowment fund will be the beneficiary of a performance of "Alt Heidelberg" by Mr. Conried's German company at the Irving Place Theatre on Thursday afternoon, April 28. Mr. Conried will turn over all the afternoon's receipts to the endowment committee.

Every Excise Prisoner Acquitted.

Seventeen excise cases were tried yesterday in Judge Newburger's Court of General Sessions. All the defendants were acquitted. George Moses, who used to run a saloon at 1881 First avenue, pleaded guilty. He was fined \$25.

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BOWNE ACQUITTED AND MORE.

A SECOND SET OF CHARGES THROWN OUT WITH APPLAUSE.

Dr. Buckley Moved That the Committee Report on the Latter Charges in Less Than Ten Minutes-Personal Nature of the Charges-Incidents of Session.

Not only was Prof. Borden P. Bowne of Boston University acquitted of the heresy charges brought against him by the Rev George A. Cooke, as intimated in yesterday's Sun, but further he was practically acquitted yesterday of a second set of charges brought against him by the same

The first business to come before the New York East Conference yesterday at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, Clermont and Willoughby avenues Brooklyn, was the announcement that the committee which tried Prof. Bowne had not sustained any of the charges against him.

The applause which greeted this an-nouncement had hardly died away before Mr. Cooke handed Dr. Wing, the Presiding Elder, a new set of charges. Dr. Wing nominated a committee consisting of George E. Reed, S. H. Smith and D. A. Jordan to consider them. "I think we have been cooked enough

already," exclaimed the Rev. William

"I move," said Dr. Buckley, "that the Conference refuse to entertain these charges. The complainant has had all the opportunity he needs. He talked for six hours at the trial."

"We had better let the committee decide that," said Bishop Foss. "According to the calendar I am more than fifty years old, and I know what I am about," shouted Dr. Buckley. "I say that the complainant has had every opportunity to present his case. He has given

these charges to the reporters and made himself liable to a criminal process. "You have got to be in order," said Bishop Foss.
"I have a right to think as I choose, but I will withdraw my saying of it. I now move that the committee retire and report on these charges in less than ten minutes."

In about half an hour the committee came back and reported that they had found nothing in the charges to demand consideration. Their report was accepted

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This cooke may now go back into his kitchen," said the Rev. Dr. Hamilton. This being Dr. Hamilton's second pun on the very same name, he was greeted with hisses and was rebuked by the Bishop.

The second series of charges which were so summarily disposed of were three in number. The first was that Prof. Bowne wrote thirteen libellous articles which appeared in Zion's Herald, all of which related to Edwin A. Schell. The second was that he defamed the complainant's character in alleged interviews given to Boston newspapers. The last charge was that the defendant wrote an article for the Methodist Review in 1898 which inveighed against the discipline and moral order of the Methodist Church.

All of the Conference's time was not taken up yesterday with such serious

All of the Conference's time was not taken up yesterday with such serious matter as heresy. The question of providing pensions for the widows of deserving members of the Conference was discussed.

"I have a question to ask you, Bishop," said an elderly minister. "There is a lady in my charge who is the widow of two clergymen, both former members of this Conference. Now, does she put in a claim on the length of service of both these ministers?"

Late in the afternoon the fanitor picked

Late in the afternoon the janitor picked up two fine silver plated ball bearing fishing reels. They were engraved with the name of "F. S. Hickox, Torrington, Conn.," but it was not developed to which minister they belonged.

Henry Wade Rogers, dean of the Yale law school and chairman of the lay members of the Conference, addressed a joint session of lay and clerical members.

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"There has not been presented against any member of the lay conference a single charge of heresy," he said. "Nor has it been necessary to call the roll and inquire into the character of any member. It is assumed that when laymen get together their characters are all good."

The delegates elected to the General Conference, which meets in Los Angeles, Cal., on May 5, were: Clerical, J. M. Buckley, G. P. Mains, D. G. Downey, Charles S. Wing, W. V. Kelley, J. S. Chadwick, A. B. Sanford: lay, Thomas L. Jones, Ezra B. Tuttle, Franklin Bertram, Prof. C. T. Winchester, John M. Bullwinkle, Frank Morse,

John M. Bullwinkle, Frank Morse, James M. Brown.

JAIL FOR DR. CONRAD.

Sentenced to From One to Two Years, but an Appeal and Stay Are Expected. Dr. Edward E. Conrad, who was convicted

ast week of attempting a criminal operation, was sentenced to State prison yesterday by Recorder Goff in the General Ses-

day by Recorder Goff in the General Sessions on an indeterminate sentence of from one to two years. Wauhope Lynn made a plea for clemency that lasted haif an hour, in the course of which he said that "society has created the conditions for relieving which Dr. Conrad is called upon to answer," and that putting him in jail would not protect society.

"I have nothing whatever to do with the moral or professional side of this case," said the Recorder. "There are questions of law that have not been fully settled. I have had no occasion to change my opinion since this trial began, but I would be glad to have this case passed upon by a higher tribunal. It would please me if a certificate could be secured so that these questions may be passed upon by the higher uestions may be passed upon by the higher

He will permit Conrad to remain in the Tombs until Tuesday. Meantime an application will be made to the Supreme Court for a certificate of reasonable doubt, which will act as a stay.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

The lamentations evoked last year as the steel skeleton of the St. Regis Hotel at Fifth avenue and Fifty-fifth street rose up a stark blot above the avenue's skyline had scarcely died away when the erection of a similar building was begun across tion of a similar building was begun across the way. The champions of architectural congruity accepted this new tower of unrighteousness in discouraged silence. Now, as the gray stone of the new building climbs to the level of the St. Regis's roof line there are some who find right in the two wrongs. Whatever fault there may be in the prospect from the north, with the diminished cathedral in the middle distance, to those who drive up Fifth avenue the cliff-like gray bulks of the twin hotels make an effective frame for plaza and the perspective of the Park. An observer who whizzed up Fifth avenue in an automobile the other day, dubbed the big hotels the "Pillars of Hercules."

In Broadway, near where the double number streets begin, is a shoe store, the window of which is apparently smashed into smithereens. The sight of the shattered plate glass continually attracts a crowd, which finds that the effect is produced by pasting irregularly shaped pieces of glass inside the real window. The crowd which comes to stare at the wreck of the window is supposed to stay, fascinated by the trade display within.

"So general an advance in rents," he are. Those who have had their rents increased and thought of moving, are discouraged when they find the same conditions existing all over town. Even the regulars, the chronic movers who couldn't regulars, the chronic movers who couldn't possibly see the 1st of May come around without changing, and whom we have been carting all over town for years, are settling down to stay where they are this year. We have always been busy at this time, but now we've teams standing idle all day. The weather has had something to do with it, of course, but the landlords have hit us the hardest.

"Yes, sir," added the moving man, "and our prices are advanced a little, too. Some-

our prices are advanced a little, too. Some-body must pay for our horses eating their heads off."

A lone horse car passes up and down Amsterdam avenue daily on the old tracks which were used there before the trolley system was installed. The car has been covering the circuit from the stables at 129th street, west of Broadway, to Amsterdam avenue and Seventy-second street for the last two years. It goes down in the morning about 7 o'clock and returns about the same hour in the evening. Some about the same nour in the evening. Sometimes between these hours it is used on the Eighty-sixth street crosstown line. The car is run to keep alive the franchise for the outside tracks on the avenue, formerly owned by the Third avenue company, now absorbed by the Metropolitan. The company failed to get a permit to use electric power on these tracks, but it keeps the franchisch it is not according to the company failed to get a permit to use electric power on these tracks, but it keeps the franchisch it is not according to the company failed to get a permit to use electric power on these tracks, but it keeps the franchisch is a constant of the company failed to get a permit to use electric power of the company failed to get a permit to use the franchisch company f chise alive on general principles.

The gathering of two crowds within a few feet of each other at the same time in Broadway the other day to look at two different things was one of the indications of how much there is of interest both alow and aloft in New York. One crowd was at the southwest corner of Broadway and Fulton streets peering down into the sub-

Fulton streets peering down into the subway and watching the workmen clear away the wreckage after the explosion and fire that put the telephone system temporarily out of business. That crowd for the time being was oblivious to everything except what was going on underground.

Diagonally across, at the northeast corner of Broadway and Fulton street, was another crowd, just as big, which found its attraction way up in the air. The persons in this were so absorbed in watching the efforts of a steeple jack fixing a weather vane on top of a skyscraper's tower that apparently they knew nothing about what was happening under their feet. was happening under their feet

She is an amiable and estimable old lady, but her knowledge of sporting terms is not large. An Institution for the Reception of Bets on the Races was opened near her home the other day.
"Why," she said, "they've actually started
a poolhouse right in this block!"

The Morse Marriage Not Yet Restored. Supreme Court Justice Davis reserved decision vesterday on the application of Charles W. Morse, through Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall, to have vacated the interlocutory decree which Mrs. Morse, formerly Mrs. Clemence C. Dodge, obtained on Jan. 4, annulling her marriage to Morse. The granting of the motion, which was not opposed, will make Mrs. Morse once more Morse's lawful wife.

NOT THE PRESIDENT'S YACHT.

SECRETARY MOODY DEFENDS USE MADE OF THE MAYFLOWER.

Roosevelt Has Travelled Only Ninety-four Miles on Her in Twenty-one Months -Family and Guests Travelled 410 Miles-Ship Missed No Naval Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- Representative Foss (Rep., Ill.), chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, to-day obtained consent to place in the Congressional Record a letter from Secretary Moody replying to the criticism upon the President and himself because of the fact that the Mayflower is placed at the disposal of the Presi-dent. Not long ago Representative Wil-liams (Dem., Miss.) had placed in the Record newspaper article criticising the use of

Secretary Moody declares that the shir is not "the President's yacht," and that he has spent, all told, less than forty hours on board of her.

"She receives her orders from the De partment," he says, "in the same manner as other vessels. In accordance with custom of long standing, however, a vessel of the navy has been placed at the disposi-One Brooklyn storage warehouse man | tion of the President from time to time, thinks that the all-round increase in as he may direct. The Mayflower has been rents points to a dull spring in the moving the vessel selected for this service, under directions from the President that at no time should she be diverted from any naval said, "will keep many folks where they duties for which she might be needed. It would be an injustice to the officers and men of the Mayflower to suppose that her sole or principal use was that of a yacht." The secretary describes the use of the

Mayflower during the Spanish war at length. He then adds: "The only use of the vessel made by the President, or by his direction, has been since the beginning of her present commission, June 28, 1902. During these twenty-one months she has cruised 22,000 miles, which is considerably more than the average of our vessels. The President has spent aboard her at various times a total of something less than forty hours, and has travelled in her ninety-four miles. He has spent one night aboard her, being detained there by bad weather on his return from a review of the National Guard of the State of New Jersey, undertaken at the invitation of the Governor of that State. Of these forty hours, all, except on one occarior, were spent in the performance of of these for the spent in the performance of official duties. The total time spent on board the vessel by members of the President's family or guests has been one week, and the distance travelled while they have

been aboard has been 410 miles.

"All expenditures of every nature occasioned by the visit of the President, or any sioned by the visit of the President, or any of his family or guests, have been paid by him. The Mayflower has never been 'held for the President's use,' nor at any time has any money been expended on 'refurnishing the ship as the President's private yacht, nor for 'refitting and repairing for the President's personal use,' nor for 'keeping the Mayflower at the disposition of the President.' Since she last went into commission there has been absolutely no change in her interior fittings, except for the com-President. Since she last went into commission there has been absolutely no change in her interior fittings, except for the comfort of the crew, the installation of wireless telegraphic apparatus for increased signalling facilities and for the increase of the battery by the addition of two 4-inch breechloading rifles. During her present commission there has been expended on her for repairs, and for additions for the purposes above named, \$79,240. These expenditures are similar in character to those made upon other ships, and are not excessive.

"I have the honor to say in closing that, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Mayflower has not been diverted an hour from any naval duty for which she was needed, nor has a dollar of the public money been expended for the pleasure or convenience of the President or any of his family or guests."

Movements of Naval Vessels. WASHINGTON, April 8.-The destroyers Truxtun and Stewart and the tug Potomac have arrived at Pensacola; the battleship

Kentucky (flagship of Rear Admiral Evans)

at Colombo, and the collier Aabrenda at Lamberts Point.

The gunboat Topeka has sailed from Charleston for Tompkinsville, the gunboat Wilmington from Hankow for Shanghai and the collier Lebanon from Lamberts Point for Ealtimore.

The torpedo boat Shubrick was placed commission in reserve to-day at

For Information Bureau at Ellis Island. WASHINGTON, April 8 .- Mr. Dillingham, from the Committee on Immigration, to-day favorably reported to the Senate a joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner-General of immigration to establish an information and display bureau at Ellis ART SALES AND EXHIBITIONS.

New York Art Galleries 2 West 28th St.

Conclusion To-day (Saturday), Commencing at 2:30 P. M., of the

EXECUTOR'S SALE

of the contents of the

Tuxedo & Lenox Residences. The remaining portion of the cata-ogue includes the most interesting items. The piano, sideboard, drawing room furniture, fine porcelains, cabinets, etc., etc.

JOHN FELL O'BRIEN.

FOUR TERRITORIES, TWO STATES. Bill Reported to the House With a Democratic Minority Protest.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Representative Hamilton (Rep., Mich.) from the Committee on Territories to-day filed a report in the Statehood Oklahoma and Indian Territory as the State of Oklahoma, and New Mexico and Arizona as the State of Arizona. The Democratic members of the committee filed minority views opposing the manner in which the Territories are admitted and recommending the passage of a bill ad-

mitting the Territories as four States. "Should the Republican party pass this bill," says the minority report, "wicked as it is in the denial of equal rights in repre-sentation and partisan in all of its details, it will but afford another indecent example it will but afford another indecent example of the suppression of individual territorial and national rights to subserve partisan ends. Even more than that it is the surrender of the power that four sovereign States would exercise in the Union if constitutional methods were followed in 'the admission of States. It will minimize the influence of the West and Southwest in the citadel of Federal power—the United States Senate." States Senate.

PAYMASTER MORSE'S SENTENCE. Convicted of Violation of Regulations and Lax Methods.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- The Navy Department has received the record in the case of Paymaster John W. Morse of the United States battleship Wisconsin, tried by courtmartial at Cavite, Philippine Islands, on charges growing out of complaints that he was careless in keeping accounts. He was found guilty of all the charges, which were violation of a lawful regulation issued by the Secretary of the Navy, culpable inefficiency in the performance of duty and neglect of

duty.

The court imposed a sentence of loss of The court imposed a sentence of loss of ten numbers in his grade. In approving the proceedings and findings Rear Admiral Evans, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic naval station, said: "the sentence is approved, though considered very light for the offences of which Paymaster Morse was found guilty and the lax methods in which he carried on the duties of his office as clearly shown by the evidence before the court." The sentence will stand, no action by the Navy Department being necessary.

Bill to Repeal Desert Land Law Rejected. WASHINGTON, April 8.-By a vote of 8 to 3 the House Committee on Irrigation of Arid Lands defeated a motion to report favorably the bill to repeal the desert

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- These army orders were Issued to-day:

Capt. Thomas H. B. McIntyre, Artillery, and Capt. Presson Brown, Second Infantry, detailed to the Pay Department, and the former ordered to New York city.

Capt. Adelbert Cronkhite, Artillery, and Capt. Charles F. Humphrey, Jr., lufantry, detailed to the Quartermaster's Department.

Licut. Col. Alfred Sharpe, Infantry, and Major Charles R. Noyes, Ninth Infantry, detailed to the Adjutant-General's department.

These navy orders were issued Pay Director J. B. Redneld, from naval home, Philadelphia, to home. Pay Inspector J. R. Martin, to League Island Navy Yard.
Paymaster P. V. Mohun to naval home, Philaleiphia. Paymaster G. G. Seibels, from the Yankee to Sorfolk Navy Yard, relieving Paymaster J. S. hillips.

Paymaster W. H. Doherty, to the Yankee.
Lleutenant-Commander A. W. Dodd, from the
Visconsin to command of the Wilmington.
Commander U. R. Harris, from command of
the Wilmington to home.
Commander W. S. Hughes, to Cavite station.
Commander J. B. Milton to command the Monterey. Commander H. Osterhaus, from command of the Monterey to command the Cincinnati. Commander N. E. Mason, from command of the Chacinnatt to bome.

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